



# Bridging Futures Art and Essay Contest Information

## **Contest Guidelines**

### Who is eligible?

• Any Washington state resident who is currently enrolled in elementary school (kindergarten through fifth grade).

#### What are the criteria?

- Drawings must be submitted on an 8 ½" by 11" piece of paper.
- Artwork should demonstrate how we can make I-90 safer for people and wildlife. Students are encouraged to invent a way for fish and wildlife to safely cross the road.
- Examples from last year's contest can be viewed at www.i90wildlifebridges.org.
- Essays should describe the drawing and answer the following question: Why
  is it important to consider animals when designing our roadways? There is no
  world limit for the essay.
- A permission slip must be completed for the submission to be considered.
- Please include the student's name, teacher, school and grade level on the back of each drawing and on each essay.

#### What resources are available?

The following information is included in your packet, or can be accessed on the I-90 Web page:

- Classroom discussion guide to help plan your lesson.
- 3D fly-through video of the I-90 Project, which includes wildlife under- and overcrossings.
- In-depth video about the history and importance of the I-90 Project.
- Project activity books to help explain wildlife and roads.

Project staff members are available to give a presentation to your class upon request. Presentations must be given by Friday, March 26, 2010, to allow adequate time for the contest.

#### When is the deadline?

Contest entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 9, 2010.

#### Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact:

Amanda Sullivan at SullivA@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov or (509) 577-1942.

#### Who will judge the entries?

The staff and directors of the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition and WSDOT's I-90 Project team will select the finalists. Guest judges from around the state will also be invited to join the judging panel.

Winners will be announced within several weeks of the contest end date.

